

CHRISTCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Christchurch Parish Council on Monday 10th November 2014 in the Sports Pavilion, Christchurch

Present	Cllrs: N Russell (Chair); J Bliss; S Freeland; W Poole; H Poole; W Sutton (FDC); F Yeulett (CCC); M Tanfield (FDC); J Richardson (Clerk); and 6 members of the public
Apologies for Absence:	Cllrs: W Beswick; R Gladwin;
Declarations of Interest	Councillors to declare any interests under the Local Code of Conduct in respect of any item to be discussed at this meeting:-
	a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) Cllrs Russell, H Poole & W Poole Item 127/14
	b) Non-Pecuniary Interest)
	c) Sensitive Pecuniary Interest)

19.32-20.14 Public Time

Interest in the Euximoor Drove sign.

A member of public apologised for using a figure of speech regarding dog fouling.

Hankins lorries seen keeping to speed limit.

There are a number of street lights out in Church Road. Cllr Freeland is to investigate and send the Clerk the numbers to report.

Cllr Freeland

A member of the public has looked at plan of new hall and questions were raised regarding the number of bars and dedicated bowls club area. An objection was raised regarding using public funds for a minority sport. It was suggested that the public attend the Village Hall Committee Meeting on Monday 17th November at 7.30p.m. There is also a feeling that a Project Manager is needed for the project, to which it was explained, that advice has been sought and the main contractor will be responsible for the project and the Parish Council interests will be looked after by the Committee and their agent.

Hankins lorries have been seen not keeping to the speed limit through the village and Cllr Russell will speak to them tomorrow.

Cllr Russell

Issues were also raised regarding general speeding issues and loads on tractors and lorries not being sheeted down and spilling onto the Highway. Neighborhood Watch in Church Road is on the verge of being set up and as a result of this Speedwatch can also be introduced and a member of the public volunteered to help. A lack of Police presence in the village was raised. Cllr Yeulett responded that enforcement of speeding is difficult and the police have been involved previously. Hopefully once the "chicane" is introduced in the village it may help with this issue and deter lorries from using the centre of the village. A letter will be sent to Hankins from the Parish Council regarding this issue.

Clerk

The users wish to say thank you, and are pleased with, the Skate Park repainting and the Clerk is to thank the Community Payback for this work.

Clerk

The lights and trees raised previously, in Crown Road, is on the agenda later.

Rumours were raised about the village shop closing at Christmas.

This is a private business but assurance was given that the rumours are not correct, but unfortunately the village is not supporting the shop as was hoped.

	The signpost at the Toll Road, Upwell Road junction has been damaged, it looks as if an accident has taken place. The Clerk is to report this to Highways.	Clerk
	A member of the public raised a question regarding the possibility of the village shop being signed at the road junctions. The Clerk is to look into this.	Clerk
113/14	Confirmation of Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 13 th October 2014 were Proposed for approval by Cllr Freeland, AGREED and signed	Agreed
114/14	Matters Arising Highways issued reported and:- The gully outside the church was emptied on Tuesday, and the patching crew mechanical sweeper was in the village also and swept the leaves in the vicinity of the church. The Trees are in the grounds of the School, CCC Property have been contacted and the concerns have been forward directly to the School Management. Instruction has been given to Highways Contractor to reinstate the road edge at Hole in the Road Cottages with compacted Road Planings, The Skate Park has been painted by the Community Payback Team and the Clerk is to write to say thank you for this.	
115/14	Police Matters No reported crimes this month. The next South Rural Forum will take place on the New Horizon Vehicle on Wednesday 15 th April 2015. The bus will be located in Church Road from 12.00 until 17.00 with the meeting taking place on the bus at 17.00.	
116/14	County Councillors Report Cllr Yeulett reported that CCC are still working hard on budgets and consultation regarding proposals on household re-cycling centres. A47 work will be done if government are reelected. Small works are being done at present. The Wisbech to Cambridge rail link is still ongoing. Have had a good children's services Ofsted report which is a big improvement on last year's inadequate report. Cllr Yeulett is to forward the "issues" report to the Clerk on a regular basis and also provide an update for The Heron. Cllr Tanfield reported that there is still funding available from the Youth District Council for small grants up to £10K, details will be sent to The Heron and The Clerk. Has attended a conference with Sport England and they are offering grants etc. There is funding available for Brown Signs from the Tourism department at FDC, Cllr Tanfield is to ask about a new shop sign. Cllr Tanfield is also to provide a report for The Heron too. She is also now working for Steve Barclay which may help in the information flow. Cllr Sutton reported that the village war memorial clean and litter pick was very poorly attended, and thanked the two members of the village that did help. Cllr Sutton has cleaned most of the War Memorial but could not clean the very top. BT have done work on the cabinet at the top of Scotts Road and there is now a concern about the quality of the work and this is to be reported to Highways by the Clerk. It was also requested that the Clerk contact Highways to set up another "walkabout" in the village. FDC are commencing the budget round and will have to make significant savings. There have been replies from five Parish Councils agreeing to the	Cllr Yeulett Cllr Tanfield Clerk Clerk

Concurrent Functions Grant being re-instated as previously with the 30% loss.

The street lights report from Balfour Beatty is still awaited.

117/14

Neighborhood Watch

The neighborhood watch scheme is ready to start in Church Road, and the Parish Council, Proposed by Cllr Freeland and AGREED to pay for the five signs at a total cost of £70. It is hoped that other areas of the village will come on board with Neighborhood Watch.

Agreed

118/14

Recreation Ground

- a) Nothing further has been heard regarding the merger of the Charities due to the Solicitor being on annual leave. Cllr Russell will chase this tomorrow
- b) One quote re the removal of Play equipment has been received and Cllr Russell is awaiting one further quote
- c) Metal bin insert quote has been asked for by Councillor Russell from Sharman's and this is still awaited
- d) Bank Accounts are:- Current Account £4995.75 Saver Account £7250.28

Cllr Russell

A phone call has been received from the Bowls Club re the excessive use of water (9cm) since end Sept 2014 to today. This has been investigated previously and nothing was found. It was suggested that a villager may be able to help and Richard Guilford is to try to get someone to investigate this.

119/14

Village Hall Committee

Three estimates have been received from builders, the items included and detailing in these vary significantly.

In order to follow the Parish Council's Standing Orders, Item 30, the Committee (Richard Guilford) is to draw up a Tender Pack. The Tender Pack will be reviewed by the Committee at their next meeting 17/11/14. There will then be an advert placed in a newspaper to invite builders to request the Tender Pack and then they will use the sealed bid tender process to send in their bids for the work.

Cllr Wes Poole has resigned from the Village Hall Committee and a new Parish Council rep is required.

It was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED that the village hall committee proceed through the tender process as outlined in Standing Orders Item 30.

The nomination of a new Parish Council representative on the village hall committee will be included in next month's agenda

Clerk

Cllr Tanfield left the meeting

120/14

Highways

- a) No update on 2014-15 LHI bid
- b) The panel meeting was attended and it will be January 2015 before the results of the 2015-16 LHI bid are known
- c) The proposal for a drive slowly sign on Euximoor Drove would require Highways approval but in this instance would not be a problem. Highways would need to agree the site location for the Sign. The sign and posts, if required, do need to comply with specification. The best way forward would be for Highways contractor to quote for supply and erect, this will also include them carrying out checks on site for any buried utility that could be in the way. Skanska have been asked for a quote which will be forwarded in due course with a copy of the proposed sign drawing.

The future upkeep/any accidental repairs would be down to the Parish Council.

It was raised that could we add "single track road" to the sign

Clerk

- d) There is an issue regarding potholes on Euximoor Drove, and this

could be covered in the Highways walkabout to be arranged. Cllr Sutton reported that there has been an allocation from the Central Government pot to repair pot holes on this road.

Street Lighting

a) No further update

Cllr Yeulett left the meeting

121/14

Income & Expenditure

a) VAT repayment of £6364.20 has been rec'd

b) Members considered and **APPROVED** the following accounts for payment:

APPROVED

J Richardson	Clerks Salary	£293.60
J Richardson	Expenses	£15.94
Christchurch Village Resource Centre	The Heron	£80.00
Ratcliffe Land & Eng		
Surveys	Footpath re Village Hall	£540.00
E Mason	Grass Cutting	£540.00
	TOTALS	£1469.54

c) Clerk reported on the current bank balances at end October 2014:-

Community Account £65,133.84

Business Bonus £146,481.32

TOTALS: £211,615.16

Current earmarked reserved funds are:-

New Village Hall £185,771.59

Recreation Ground £75.07

Mrs Spall Request £200.00

122/14

Concurrent Functions Grant

Meeting at Fenland on 16th October 2014 to discuss the Concurrent Functions Grant. Five Parish Council's attended and all were in agreement with Christchurch to accept the Concurrent Functions Grant as previously with the 30% reduction.

123/14

Dog Fouling

Cllr Freeland Proposed, and it was **AGREED**, that byelaws be investigated to encourage a reduction in dog fouling.

Agreed

Cllr Freeland

124/14

Correspondence

a) Rural Services Network Bulletin (emailed 09/10/14, 16/10/14, 22/10/14, 28/10/14)

b) Update on Quality Council Scheme (emailed 09/10/14)

c) Cambridgeshire & Peterborough CCG newsletter (emailed 16/10/14)

d) Cambs Acre News (emailed 16/10/14)

e) Invitation to Cambs Acre Rural Forum (emailed 22/10/14)

f) Parish & Town Council briefing-CIL

g) Police & Crime Commissioner Briefing (emailed 03/11/14)

125/14

Transport Consultations

A request for contact information has been received re Transport Consultations and the Clerk will complete this and return to include The Heron details

Clerk

126/14

Electoral Review of Cambridgeshire

There is an electoral review of Cambridgeshire taking place and the Parish Council has been invited to attend a meeting to explain this. No one wished to attend.

128/14

Agenda Items/Next Meeting

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday 9th December 2014. Items to be included on the agenda should be with the Clerk by Monday 3 October 2014.

ALL

COUNCILLORS

Dates for 2015 Meeting

- Budgets for 2015-16
- 127/14 A Motion to exclude the Press & Public was Proposed by Cllr Russell and AGREED**
- Cllrs W Poole and H Poole left the room and Cllr Russell remained (to provide a quorum)
- Allotments**
- An update on the current situation was reported and this is to be confirmed to John Maxey

Clerk

Meeting Closed at 9.16 pm

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